

**PATENT**  
Serial No: 10/614,859  
Docket No: 29284-598

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Yasuo Inoue  
Serial No. : 10/614,859  
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For : EXTERNAL STORAGE SUBSYSTEM  
Group : 2182 Confirmation No: 8149  
Examiner : Alan S. Chen  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**Mail Stop – No Fee Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 10, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: